

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the Substitute Pages of the translation, before the heading "Background of the Invention", please insert the following heading and paragraph:

#### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION:

This application is a National Stage filed under 35 USC 371 of PCT/DE97/02385, filed October 15, 1997, which claimed priority from German Application 196 42 570.0 filed October 15, 1996.--

On page 9 of the translation, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 3 and extending to line 16 to read as follows:

The structure of the adapter unit 82 is shown in ~~Figure 18~~ Figures 15A, 15B and 15C in a side view, a plan view and in a side cross-section. The adapter unit 82 has a stable ~~collar~~ collar 88 at the side of the cleaning unit 20 that is fashioned as a rotary part. A further rotary part 90 that, as shall be explained later, is accepted in a locking plate is provided at the side of the used toner container 84. A flexible hose 92 is arranged between the ~~collar~~ collar 88 and the rotary part 90. This hose 92 is composed of silicone-containing plastic and is vulcanized into the parts 88, 90. Due to the flexibility of the hose 92, a horizontal compensation of design tolerances can ensue on the one hand; on the other hand, this hose 92 can execute vertical movements and deformations without a permanent deformation remaining. The hose 92 expands in the fashion of a conical frustum in the direction toward the used toner container. As a result thereof, a permanent collection of used toner in the hose 92 is avoided.